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BANGALORE.

25th July 1918.

Your Highness,

Last Monday I submitted to Your Highness a weekly report on local matters. This week I have furnished the necessary materials to H. H. The Yuvaraja who will submit a report direct to Your Highness.

The prevailing drought and the export of food grains are the most important questions engaging our anxious attention at the present time. We had a smart shower

on Saturday but to our great disappointment the weather has changed & we are having endless days rain.

The Hon. Mr Cobb has asked for cooperation in raising funds from the Women of Mysore for a silver wedding gift to Their Majesties the King Emperor and Queen Empress. The reference is receiving attention. We are sorry we have not been able to induce Mr Cobb to allow Mr Krumbiegel to visit the Mysore city.

I learn from Mr Meiz's letter that Your Highness has been much impressed by the silk industry in Kashmir - It is a State monopoly There I understand, whereas

private people make all the profits from the industry in our State. Within the last 3 or 4 years, we have increased the mulberry cultivation by 30%. Our Inspectors is in Kashmir studying their methods.

Your Highness has doubtless perused the Report on Indian Reforms - We have first of India are going to ask for our opinion & I shall submit my views in due course to Your Highness.

Their Highnesses the Maharaja & Maharani of Mysore left for Kolhapur on the 23rd inst - H. H the Maharaja patronised the Century Club in the afternoon of the 23rd inst & played Tennis there.

I humbly hope Your Highness is in the best of health & spirits.

Your Highness's devoted & humble servant,

M. Visvesvaraya